

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to have the claims read in more conventional U.S. format.

An early examination of Claims 1-7 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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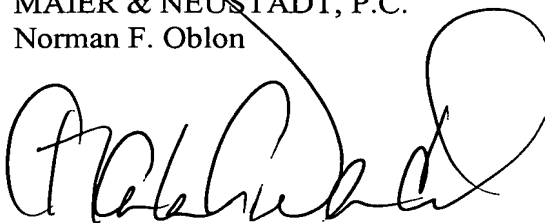
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